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My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is a good time since I heard of your passing this Bill of Money, and I am sure you would have presented it to Me sooner, if you had thought I had desired it; but the truth is, though I have need enough of it, I had no mind to receive it from you, till I might at the same

time give My Assent to this other very good Bill that accompanies it, for which I longed very impatiently: I thank you for both with all My heart; and though there are other good Bills ready, with which you will easily believe I am very well pleased, and in which I am indeed enough concerned, yet I chuse rather to passe these two Bills together, and to passe them by themselves without any other, that you may all see, and in you the whole Kingdome, that I am at least equally concerned for you and them, as for My Self; and in truth it will be want of judgement in Me, if I ever desire any thing for My Self, that is not equally good for you and them: I am confident you all believe that My wel-being is of some use and benefit to you, and I am sure your wel-being, and being well pleased, is the greatest comfort and blessing I can receive in this world: I hope you will be ready within few daies to dispatch those other publick Bills which are still depending before you, that I may come hither and passe all together, and then Adjourn till winter, when what remains may be provided for; and I would be very glad that you would be ready by the twentieth of this moneth or thereabouts for the Adjournment, which methinks you might easily be, if you suspended

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all private buſineſs till the receſs: The laſt Parliament by Gods bleſſing laid the foundation of the happineſs we all enjoy; and therefore I thought it but juſtice to the memory of it, to ſend you Bills for the confirmation of what was Enacted then; and I cannot doubt, but you will diſpatch what remains of that kind with all convenient ſpeed; and that you will think, that what was then thought neceſſary or fit for the publick Peace to be Enacted, ought not to be ſhaken now, or any good man leſs ſecure of what he poſſeſſes, then he was when you came together: It is to put my Self in minde as well as you, that I ſo often (I think as often as I come to you) mention to you My Declaration from *Breda*; and let Me put you in mind of another Declaration publiſhed by your ſelves about the ſame time, and which I am perſwaded made Mine the more effectual, an honeſt, generous, and Chriſtian Declaration, ſigned by the moſt eminent perſons, who had been the moſt eminent ſufferers, in which you renounced all former animoſities, all memory of former unkindneſſes, vowed all imaginable good-will to, and all confidence in each other.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Let it be in no mans power to charge Me or you with breach of Our word or promiſe, which can never be a good ingredient to our future ſecurity: Let Us look forward and not backward, and never think of what is paſt, except men put Us in mind of it, by repeating faults We had forgot, and then let Us remember no more, then what concerns thoſe very perſons.

God hath wrought a wonderful Miracle in ſetling Us as he hath done; I pray let Us do all we can to get the reputation at home and abroad of being well ſetled. We have enemies and enviers enough, who labor to have it thought otherwiſe; and if We would indeed have Our enemies fear Us, and Our neighbors love and reſpect Us, and fear Us enough to Love Us, let Us take all the ways We can, that as the world cannot but take notice of your extraordinary affection to Me, and of the comfort I take in that affection, ſo that it may likewiſe take notice of your Affection to, and confidence in each other, which will diſappoint all deſignes againſt the publick Peace, and fully eſtabliſh Our joynt ſecurity.

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Speaker of the Honorable Houſe of COMMONS,

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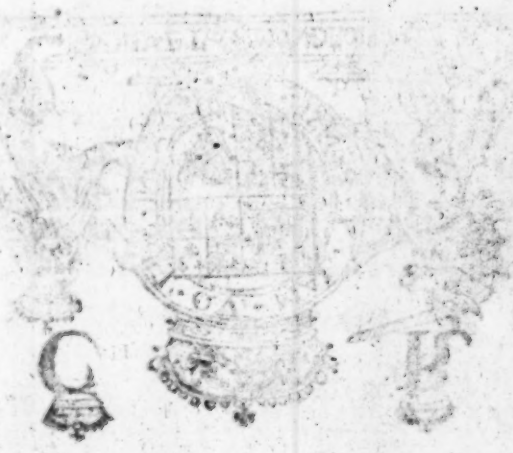

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May it pleaſe Your moſt Excellent Majeſty,

THE Writ of Summons whereby Your Majeſty was pleaſed to call together the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes of the Commons Houſe of Parliament, gave us to underſtand that Your Majeſty had divers weighty and urgent matters to communicate to us: Such as did concern Your Royal Perſon, Your State and Dignity, the Defence of the Kingdom, and the Church of England: *And in the ſame method propounded to us by Your Majeſty, we have applied our ſelves to offer You our beſt counſel and advice.*

We found Your Majeſty miraculouſly preſerved by the hand of God, from the hands of Your Enemies; we found You peaceably ſeated in the Throne of Your Anceſtors; we found the Heredi-

tary Imperial Crown of these Nations auspitiously set upon Your Royal Head, and all this after a sharp and a bloody Civil War;

We held it our duties in the first place to endeavor the safety and preservation of Your Majesties Person and Government, and to that purpose have prepared a Bill.

Next to the safety of Your Majesty, we took into consideration the state and power that is necessary for so great a Prince; and do hope ere long, to settle Your Militia *so, that by the blessing of God, You need not fear Storms from abroad, or Earthquakes here at home.*

Your Majesty was pleased at the opening of the Parliament, to recommend unto us two Bills; one for confirmation of publick Acts, another for the private Acts that passed the last Parliament; they were so many in number, and great in weight, that hitherto we could not consider of them all, but some we have perused. The Act for confirmation of Judicial proceedings, for taking away the Court of Wards, and Liveries, and Purveyance, and also all those that do relate to Your Majesties Customs and Excise. And that we might with some chearfulness

fulneſs ſee Your Majeſties face, we have brought our Brother Benjamin *with us, I mean Your Act of Oblivion: I take the boldneſs to call it Yours, for ſo it is by many Titles; Your Majeſty firſt conceived it at* Breda, *You helped to contrive and form it here in* England, *and we muſt all bear You witneſs, You labored and travelled till it was brought forth: And ſince it had a being, ſome queſtion being made of its legitimation, Your Royal Heart is not at eaſe until it be confirmed. And now Sir give me leave to ſay, by the ſuffrage of a full, a free, and a legal Parliament it is preſented to Your Majeſty to be naturalized. Your Majeſties deſires are fully anſwered by all the Repreſentatives of the People; and their hearty prayer to God is, that all Your Subjects may be truly thankful to You; and that Your Majeſty may long live to enjoy the fruits of this unparallel'd mercy.*

Your Majeſty was pleaſed to intimate to us on Saturday laſt, that You ſo valued the quiet and ſatisfaction of your people, and the keeping of Your Royal word with them, that although divers other Bills were made ready for You, You would vouchſafe the honor to this Bill alone, Your Favorite, to come and paſs it. Sir, hereby You have made this a great Holiday, and we ſhall obſerve it with Joy

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and Thanksgiving. Upon such solemn Festivals, there useth to be a second Service, an Antheme, and a Collect, or at least an Offering; my Antheme shall be, Quid tibi retribuam Domine? and my Collect a short report of Your Revenue. We know great Sir, that money is both the Sinews of War, and Bond of Peace; we have therefore taken care of Your Majesties Revenue, and do desire to make it in some good proportion suitable both to Your Grandure and Your Merit.

We do believe the state of our King, is the honor of our State; and the best way to preserve our Peace, is to be well provided for War: Our time hath not permitted us to finish this work, but as an earnest of our good affections we desire Your Majesty to accept an offering from us.

We cannot enough admire Your Majesties Patience, Providence, and Frugality abroad; You did not bring home a debt for us to pay, great as a Princes Ransom. And since your return, You have not with King Edward the Third after His Wars in France, or Henry the Fourth, Henry the Seventh, or Henry the Eighth, desired new and great Aids and heavy Subsidies from Your People for Your Supplies.

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No Sir, You have been ſo far from asking that part of the Money which was given You laſt Parliament for Your Houſhold Proviſion, You have iſſued out towards payment of our Debts, You have robbed Your own Table (I had almoſt ſaid given the meat out of your own belly) to feed the hungry Seamen.

Dear Sir, theſe things have a juſt influence upon the people, they fill our hearts with joy and affection to your Majeſty.

I do not pretend much to Phyſiognomy, but if I miſtake not greatly, the faces of the people do promiſe great frankneſs and chearfulneſs in your preſent Supplies.

What would not your Majeſties Friends have given within theſe Eighteen moneths, to have ſeen your Majeſty thus happily ſetled? and what can be too much for thoſe to return, who have received all they enjoy from your Majeſties mercy?

Great Sir, to conclude this ſolemn Service, The Commons of England *do by me their Servant, humbly preſent you with this Bill, entituled,* An Act for a free and voluntary Preſent, *and wiſh it a ſucceſs anſwerable to your Royal Hearts deſire.*

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